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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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PACKAGING MACHINE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

**Background of the Invention:**

Please add the previously omitted priority claim as paragraph one beginning at page 2:

-- This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/478,077,  
filed June 12, 2003, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. --

**Remarks** begin on page 2.